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SUBJECT: EC CONSIDERATION OF FRENCH INVITATION TO
CONSUMER/PRODUCER PREPCON

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS LAUTENSCHLAGER TOLD THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL
MINISTER ON MARCH 5 THAT THE ISSUE OF THE FRENCH
INVITATIONS TO THE CONSUMER/PRODUCER PREPCON WILL BE
THE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT THE EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT
MEETING IN DUBLIN NEXT WEEK. LAUTENSCHLAGER EXPRESSED
CONCERN THAT IF AGREEMENT ON GENERAL ACCEPTANCE OF
THE FRENCH INVITATION IS NOT REACHED AT THIS WEEK'S
IEA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING THE DISCUSSION IN DUBLIN
IS LIKELY TO BE VERY CONTENTIOUS. HE NOTED THAT
FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER HAD DISCUSSED THIS TOPIC
WITH UK FOREIGN MINISTER CALLAGHAN DURING THE EC
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COUNCIL MEETING IN BRUSSELS EARLIER THIS WEEK.

2. LAUTENSCHLAGER SAID THAT THE EC HAD IN EFFECT
ALREADY ACCEPTED THE INVITATION AND CONSEQUENTLY IT
NEED NOT FORMALLY DO SO AGAIN. HE POINTED OUT
THAT THE REAL ISSUE HOWEVER WAS THE DATE OF THE
PREPCON. IN THIS REGARD HE ONCE AGAIN EXPRESSED HIS
HOPE THAT THE IEA BOARD COULD AGREE ON THE APRIL 7
DATE THIS WEEK.

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